



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Dear et al.)	Confirmation No. 3571
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Serial No.: 09/486,247)	Art Unit: 1652
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Filed: May 25, 2000)	Examiner: FRONDA, C.L.
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Title: PROTEASE RELATED PROTEIN)	

AMENDMENT

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments:

The Final Office Action dated December 16, 2004 has been carefully studied. Please reconsider the above-identified application as follows. This Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal or in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 16, 2005, giving Applicant to the extended due date of May 16, 2005 to file the Appeal Brief. The fee of \$60.00 (for small entity) for a one month extension of time is submitted and authorized on the attached Form PTO/SB/30 giving Applicant to June 16, 2005 to file the Appeal Brief.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this amendment.